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Further altering media ownership rules could seriously affect vigorous public debate, as we have already discovered through the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Rulemaking of this significance should therefore be open to significant public comment.

This should not be a debate about the potential monetary value of the marketplace, but rather a debate about how to protect the diversity of our American voices. We often criticize those nations that speak through one channel, using one voice. The US must therefore set the standard and strive to protect and promote public debate within our own nation. Losing even one voice in the United States would be a tragic statement for democracy.

Once again, I urge you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue, and allow extensive hearings and public comment to become a major factor in your deliberations.

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